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Happy New Year! Years end has been busy at HQ. Lots of activity with members taking advantage of the lower dues for renewals and new memberships that were available until December 31, 1982. The too, the Board took action to make all Golden Certificates free for the asking, and that brought in several hundred applications. We are still behind on them, but expect to have them all in the mail by the end of January.

The YEAR 1983 will be an election year. All OFFICERS and BOARD members will be elected. The SPRING issue of QCWA NEWS will list all of the candidates who have been nominated by members as well as those nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Summer QCWA NEWS to be published in May, will have a story and picture on all of the Candidates together with a ballot for elections.

At the end of December, 1983, our active QCWA roster had 9,892 members listed. Of these approximately 700 were delinquent in their dues. They will, of course, be kept in the active Roster until March, 1983 even if they do not renew their membership.

Our QCWA Memorial Fund has reach a sum just about exactly 23,000 dollars. A full accounting will be published in the Spring QCWA NEWS together with a listing of all who contributed to the Fund in 1983. A total of funds given either by Chapters, or by members who designated their Chapters, during 1982 will be printed too.

We want to ask that all new membership applications use the new membership forms. They have been published in the latest QCWA NEWS and copies have been sent to all Chapters. It is necessary since all material on the old forms is obsolete. Be sure to put your name and call sign on all checks, membership number too, will help to identi-

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fy you in the event the application and check gets separated. It might save errors and delays.

Headquarters has been experimenting with making our computer accessible to members for certain matters. We are in the process at this time, of beginning tests locally. We expect to be able to permit members to dial into the computer, query it about certain matters, and also permit Chapters or members to transmit copy for QCWA NEWS by means of the computer. As the experiments and tests are completed, we will advise you as to the means to access the computer. The complete QCWA membership list for mailing labels is not available except with prior consent of the Board. It will be possible to access the directory, but no more than ten names can be read. At 300 baud, it would take nearly 9 hours to copy the file anyway, and also, programming commands for establishing labels will not be published.

The Year 1983 saw the largest group of new members ever to join QCWA. The first member, January 1, 1982, was Julia Young, W5JFJ. Her membership number was 15,490. The last member enrolled on the afternoon of December 31, 1982 was Tom Parke, W5TGJ, with his membership number 16,658. A total for the year, 1983, of 1169 new members. The next highest number was for the year, 1975, with 984 new members.

Another first was the number of members who became Life Members of QCWA. In 1983 there were a total of 303 Life members signed. In this connection it might be interesting to know that our very first Life Member was signed in September, 1956. He was John F. Lamont, W1OJ, who passed away in 1965. The last member, in December, 1983, was Roy O. Dawson, W2AL. Their membership numbers were #992 and #16,630, respectively. Inbetween those years a total of 2,799 members of QCWA have been Life Members. A full report on this and related matters will appear in QCWA NEWS.

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HQ has prepared a dues reminder to be sent to all members of QCWA who have not renewed their memberships, and whose dues have expired or will expire between the dates September 30, 1982 and April 30, 1983. The mailing will occur within a few days and serve as a reminder to those who may have overlooked past notices. Members whose dues expire as late as April 30 may pay ahead without a penalty since their dues will go to extend membership beyond their present date.

QCWA President Stuart Meyer, W2GHK and his Lady attended SAROC. We understand that it was a fine get-to-gether, as it always has been. Vice President Leland Smith, W5KL and Helen attended the Oklahoma City Chapter meeting recently.

To those who have wondered where W5EJ is on Sunday afternoons...well, last summer lightning took out the rig. The antenna fell down and all of the other ills common to a ham station descended upon us. On January 17, a brand new tri-bander was hauled to the top of the pole and we hope to get on the air by the end of January.

Several new chapters are in the making. We will not announce them before they are ready, but it looks like we'll have some new ones in 1983. We'd sure like to hear from all of the Chapters too, on a regular basis!

Total gifts to the QCWA Memorial Fund in 1983 came to 6,328.29..... this amount from members and Chapters who designated Chapter affiliation. The largest single Chapter gift came from Nebraska Chapter, a whopping \$2500 check, presented at the September meeting in Nashville.

QCWA Secretary, Max Arnold, W4WHN, has circulated a letter to all QCWA Candidates for Office, requesting that they provide HQ with a recent 2 x 3 photo, and with material for publication in connection with the QCWA ballot, to be mailed in the Summer QCWA NEWS. You can help a great deal by reminding the candidates of this need, and also, working to help get your candidate elected to office. Nominations for the election closed on December 31, 1982.

ALL MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS AND RENEWALS HAVING A POSTMARK OF DECEMBER 31, 1982, or earlier, WILL BE HONORED AT THE OLD MEMBERSHIP RATES.

QCWA HOTLINE REPORT IS AVAILABLE, BY SUBSCRIPTION, TO ANY MEMBER. The fee is \$6 per year in the US and Canada, sent first-class mail. Overseas members will receive four copies annually without charge. The first copy to overseas members will be the February issue which will list all candidates for office.

Let us make 1983 a really banner year for QCWA. You can do your part by attending Chapter meetings and taking part in activities. From all of us to each of you....God Bless and Good Health!



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